

REMARKS

Claims in the Application. Claims 7, 20, 21, 25-36, 39, 45 and 46 have been cancelled from this application. Accordingly, Claims 1-6, 8-19, 22-24, 37, 38, 40-44 and 47 are active in this application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Requirement for Election/Restriction. The Examiner has required Applicants to elect a species selected from the following:

Species I-A: the lamination being a nonwoven material;

Species I-B: the lamination being a woven material;

Species I-C: the lamination being a foil;

Species I-D: the lamination being a glass fiber tangled web connected to a thermoplastic fiber web;

Species I-E: the lamination being a glass fiber tangled web connected to a perforated thermoplastic foil;

Species I-F: the lamination being a foil reinforced by a two dimensional glass fiber netting; and

Species I-G: the lamination being an aluminum-polyethylene composite foil.

Applicants elect Species I-A. The election is made with traverse since none of the active claims of this application specifically recite any of species I-A through I-G. All of the claims of the application read on elected Species I-A in part.

In addition, the Examiner has required Applicants to elect a species selected from:

Species II-A: the adhesive being a heat sealing adhesive;

Species II-B: the adhesive being activated by solvent;

Species II-C: the adhesive being a viscous dispersion binder; and

Species II-D: the adhesive being a water silicate binder.

Applicants elect Group II-A. Claims readable on the elected invention are claim 43 and claims 1-6, 8-19, 22-24, 37, 38, 40-42, 44 and 47 (in part). The requirement for election of species is traversed since none the active claims of the invention specifically recite Species II-B, II-C or II-D.

Conclusions. The Examiner is respectfully requested to issue a Notice of Allowance in light of the above remarks. He is further respectfully requested to telephone the

undersigned should he deem it prudent to more expeditiously advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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